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SUBJECT: KUWAIT DEMARCHE DELIVERED: ADDRESSING THE THREAT  
OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

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Ambassador delivered August 20 reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Acting Under Secretary and International Organizations Department Director Ambassador Abdullah Al-Murad. Commenting that Kuwait was home to hundreds of thousands of people from East and Southeast Asia, and that thousands of travelers from that region regularly transited Kuwait, Al-Murad agreed on the necessity of countries working closely together and with international organizations to curb the spread of avian influenza. He said the GOK would identify a national coordinator within the Ministry of Health and pass contact information to the embassy.

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